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**TO:** Transportation Commissioners, Executive Director, Executive Management Team, Branch Managers, and Office Directors  
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**RE:** Weekly Legislative Report – 2015 Session of the Colorado General Assembly

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## Overview

An interesting week under the dome. CDOT's Glenn Davis and Darrell Link came to the Capitol to discuss the Motorcycle Operators Safety Training program with Senator Sonnenberg. A few individuals spoke to the Senator about perceived problems with the MOST program and Sonnenberg asked CDOT to meet and discuss the issues. Both Glenn and Darrell did an admirable job explaining why the MOST subsidy should be used to contract out a third party vendor to bring the program in line with how the majority of other states run their MOST programs. A huge thank you to both gentlemen for their patience and wealth of knowledge.

As the Senate gets ready to begin debate on the Long Bill next week, the upper chamber approved HB 1046, which allows CDOT to accept low bid contracts under certain circumstances. Additionally, HB 1173, I-70 Tire Tread Requirements, passed the Senate Transportation committee with the usual flair one has come to expect in the committee (see below). Finally, a big thank you for the continuing work of Thomas 'Signs Are My Middle Name' Lorz for helping answer questions ranging from memorial sign placements to why town names are below others on signs. Thank you to everyone who helps advocate and educate for transportation's needs.

## Legislation

CDOT continues to track bills for possible direct or indirect impacts to its employees, or the state's transportation network. In the next few weeks legislators will negotiate a state budget and prepare to introduce a slew of late bills. Some key bill updates are below.

***House Bill 15-1173 (Tire Tread Requirements for I-70).*** After passing the House with a strong bipartisan approval, this bill finally got its day in committee on Thursday. Eight groups testified in support of the bill which allows the State Patrol to enforce tire tread requirements on passenger vehicles during snow events along the I-70 corridor between Morrison and Dotsero. CDOT is responsible for continuing educational outreach and using existing signage to communicate when traction control devices are needed along the corridor. The bill will be heard on the Senate floor after the Long Bill passes. Supporters expect to guard against amendments ranging from limiting the area along I-70 covered by the bill to requiring CDOT to train people in implementing the tread requirement.

***Senate Bill 15-90 (Temporary Registration Document Standards).*** This CDOT legislative agenda bill places temporary license plates on the rear license plate holder instead of inside the rear window. It also creates a more efficient distribution for the temporary plates. The bill passed the Senate and will be heard in the House Transportation committee next week.

If you have any questions on these or any other legislative issues please contact Andy Karsian at 303-757-9073. Weekly memos and our bill tracking chart are available online at: <http://www.coloradodot.info/about/governmentrelations/state-government-liaison>.

